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on the cover...

Heisman candidate Mike Rozier (30) pulls away from a Syracuse defender and gains another big chunk of yardage in the 63-7 Husker walk.

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LINCOLN, NEB. — Tom Osborne had a hard time analyzing the fifth straight blowout of the season, a 63-7 sashay past Syracuse. It was a strange one, he said.

The 458 yards by his offense was the lowest total of the season; the 63 points was the second highest.

As he left the press box at the half, Line Coach Milt Tenopir said, "We haven't had a drive yet." The Huskers led 35-0 at the time. Tenopir was close to accurate. The fifth touchdown came on a 75-yard, 10-play drive, but the first four traveled only 43, 37, 45 and 22 yards. The pattern remained unchanged after intermission. Seven of the nine touchdown drive started in Syracuse territory. That explained the lower yardage total. The opportunistic defense explained the extraordinary good field position.

The opening scoring drive was 43 yards after a 26-yard quick kick; the second was 37 yards following a punt that was forced by David Rider's 15-yard quarterback sack; the third was 45 yards following Mike Knox's 45-yard interception return, and the fourth was only 22 yards after a successful onside kick.

The defense played a pivotal role. Knox's turnaround interception came after Syracuse threatened with a drive to the Nebraska 11. Safeties Bret Clark and Gary Schneider also set up touchdowns with interceptions.

The offense, meanwhile, made the most of its opportunities. Quarterback Turner Gill tied Denny Claridge's single-game scoring record for the position with touchdown runs of 9, 1 and 5 yards, but he saw his school record string of passes without an interception end at 125. Mike Rozier got his fourth straight 100 yards-plus game with 142 on 19 carries and chipped in touchdown runs of 1 and 37 yards.

Paul Miles and Mark Schellen joined the scoring parade, and soph tight end Brian Hiemer turned his first career reception into a 20-yard touchdown.

The victory also pulled Osborne into a tie with Bob Devaney at 101 as the winningest coach at Nebraska.

Game Stats

TEAM

	SYR	NU
First downs rushing	4	18
First down passing	10	7
First downs penalty	1	2
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	27
Attempts rushing	35	69
Yards gained rushing	101	365
Yards lost rushing	47	11
NET YARDS RUSHING	54	354
Passes attempted	30	17
Passes completed	17	8
Passes had intercepted	3	0
NET YARDS PASSING	245	104
Total plays	65	86
TOTAL YARDAQE	399	458
Interception return yds	0	47
Punts-Yards	4-146	2-71
Punting average	36.5	35.5
Punts blocked	0	0
Punt returns-Yards	0-0	3-23
Kickoff returns-Yards	6-111	1-19
Penalties-Yards	10-96	4-21
Fumbles-Fumbles lost	1-1	2-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

SYR — Norley 6 carries for -7 yards, 0 TD, 7 yard long gain; Gayden 9 for 38, 0, 17; Ziegler 2 for 6, 0, 4; Covington 9 for 19, 0, 7; Grimes 1 for 3, 0, 3; Schwedes 1 for 4, 0, 4; Christodulu 3 for -19, 0, -; Morris 2 for 9, 0, 10; Morseley 1 for 5, 0, 5; Roche 1 for -4, 0, -.

Nebraska — Gill 18 carries for 50 yards, 3 TD, 21 yard long gain; Schellen 5 for 12, 1, 5; Rozler 19 for 142, 2, 37; Mason 7 for 61, 1, 39; Smith 9 for 34, 0, 10; Brungardt 1 for 1, 0, 2; Sundberg 2 for 6, 0, 3; Miles 3 for 13, 1, 6; Davis 3 for 6, 0, 4; Thayer 1 for 1, 0, 1; Lindstrom 1 for 11, 0, 11; Thompson 1 for 3, 0, 3.

PASSING

SYR — Norley 17 attempts, 9 completions for 102 yards, 3 Int., 0 TD, 27 yard long gain; Christodulu 13-8 for 143, 1, 69.

Nebraska — Gill 10 attempts, 4 completions for 49 yards, 1 Int., 0 TD, 14 yard long gain

RECEIVING

SYR — Schwedes 4 receptions for 36 yards, 0 TD, 11 yard long gain; Gayden 2 for 0, 0, 5; Talt 4 for 42, 0, 16; Covington 2 for 36, 0, 27; Grimes 1 for 23, 0, 23; Slano 1 for 12, 0, 12; Chalk 1 for 15, 0, 15; Morris 1 for 69, 1, 69; Carter 1 for 12, 0, 12.

Nebraska — Kimball 4 receptions for 49 yards, 0 TD, 14 yard long gain; Simmons 2 for 19, 0, 11; Smith 1 for 16, 0, 16; Hlemer 1 for 20, 1, 20.

PUNTING

SYR — Fox 3 punts for 120 yards, 40.0 average, 46 yard long punt; Ziegler 1 for 26, 26.0, 26 average, 26 yard long punt.

Nebraska — Livingston 2 punts for 71 yards, 35.5 average, 38 yard long punt.

ALL RETURNS

SYR — Hobby 1 interception return for 0 yards; Gayden 6 kickoff returns for 111 yards.

Nebraska — Smith 3 punt returns for 23 yards, 1 kickoff return for 19 yards; Knox 1 interception return for 45 yards; Clark 1 interception return for 0 yards; Schneider 1 interception return for 2 yards.

DEFENSIVE

SYR — Kimmel 6 unassisted, 4 assists for 10 tackles; Winter 9-1 for 10, Green 5-1 for 6; Pendock 4-0 for 4; Watson 1-1 for 2; Hill 2-0 for 2; Roche 4-2 for 6; Reed 3-0 for 3; Romano 2-1 for 3; Plna 2-1 for 3; King 6-5 for 11; Miller 0-2 for 2; Koban 3-1 for 4; Roos 1-0 for 1; Hobby 8-2 for 10; Bellamy 1-1 for 2; Ewald 2-0 for 2; Lee 4-2 for 6; Hedgespeth 2-0 for 2; Hall 0-1 for 1.

Nebraska — Weber 2 unassisted, 1 assist for 3 tackles; Tranmer 3-1 for 4; Stuckey 1-0 for 1; Ridder 3-1 for 4; Herrmann 2-0 for 2; Graeber 1-1 for 2; Skow 4-1 for 5; Shead 1-2 for 3; Tucker 2-0 for 2; Reeves 0-1 for 1; Bunger 2-0 for 2; Daum 6-1 for 7; Knox 3-3 for 6; Daffer 2-0 for 2; Holloway 1-0 for 1; Proffitt 3-1 for 4; McCoy 1-0 for 1; Zlerke 1-0 for 1; Harris 0-2 for 2; Burke 2-1 for 3; McCashland 2-0 for 2; Clark 2-0 for 2; Greene 1-0 for 1; Fisher 1-1 for 2; Casterline 1-1 for 2; Q. Schneider 2-0 for 2; Paige 0-1 for 1; Armstrong 0-1 for 1; Reynolds 1-0 for 1; Tyrer 1-1 for 2; Forch 1-0 for 1; Gangwish 1-0 for 1; White 1-0 for 1.

Coach Osborne's Evaluation



'Syracuse was a better team than I thought they were. They played pretty well on defense.' *Tom Osborne*

Syracuse gave the high-powered Nebraska offense its most stern test, despite the score, so far, Tom Osborne said, and Oklahoma State, the Big Eight debut opponent Saturday will be even more meddlesome.

"Syracuse was a better team than what I thought they were. They played pretty well on defense. They probably gave us more of a defensive test than any team we've played. They played hard; they have some quickness; they didn't quit, and I thought they did a good job.

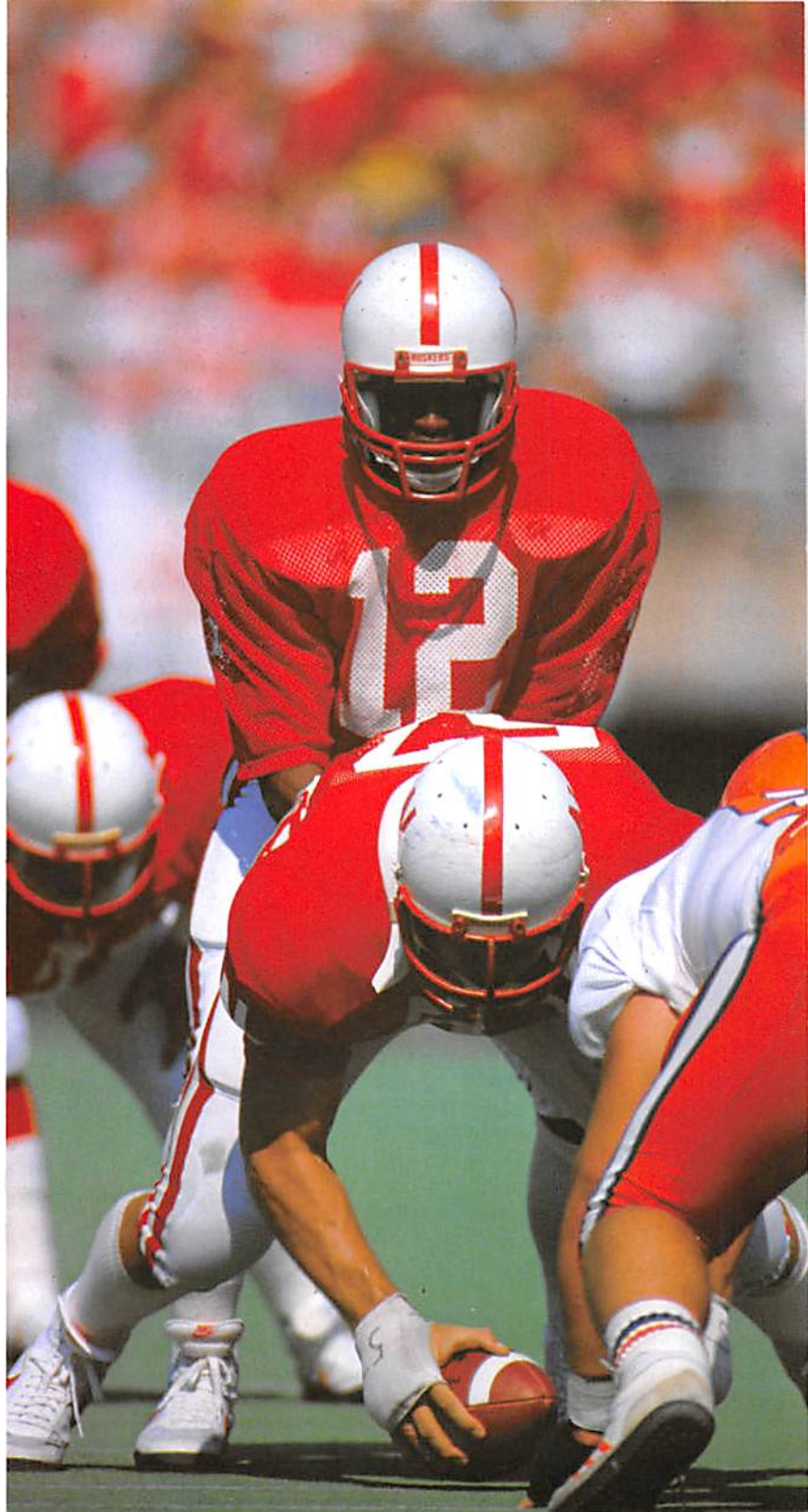
"Offensively, they did some things that bothered us at times, but I think that overall we played pretty well. The field position was excellent, and a lot of that had to do with the defensive play. We had some turnovers, the interception return by Knox, the interception by Clark and the interception by Gary Schneider and the onside kick.

"So we must have started on their end of the field five or six times (actually nine, including one-play series at the end of each half), which is unusually high. Of course, that led to more scoring and also probably less total yards offensively. We didn't have to go as far.

"So I thought we played pretty well on both sides of the ball. We didn't do as well on first down as we normally do. We ended up with a lot of third down and fourth down conversions, which was unusual, but we were able to make the plays."

Quarterback Turner Gill, who would be among the nation's leaders under the NCAA's passing formula if he had enough attempts per game, completed four of 10 passes for 45 yards. Osborne said the numbers are misleading and the minimum of 15 attempts per game is an unfair limit. It penalizes teams with Nebraska's option style and individual players on teams that win big, he said.

Gill and Nate Mason both scored on the



Quarterback Turner Gill looks over the defense and gets set to take the snap from center Mark Traynowicz. Gill paced the Huskers' nation-leading offense to another big day.

ground on run-pass options, he said. "Quite a few times, we had pass plays called and didn't throw the ball for one reason or another. I always think we're going to throw more, but it's really kind of hard because so many of our passes are optional, where we either run or throw.

"We had at least five or six times where we had plays called that were run or pass, and almost all of them ended up run. We called probably more pass plays Saturday than any game this year. We checked out of a couple, we had a pass interference penalty, and we ran some.

"And, again, every game we've played, we've had a substantial lead in the fourth quarter, so we haven't thrown more than three or four passes in the fourth quarter. We don't normally have a lot of third-and-10s," he said.

The quarterback limit is "a ridiculous thing," he said. "That's like saying that unless a guy carries the ball 25 or 30 times a game, he doesn't qualify to be in the stats for an I-back.

"All this statistical business tends to handicap our players because if you play on a real good team and you don't play in the fourth quarter, and if you're ahead most of the time, you're just statistically not going to look as good.

"Rozier and Turner are very similar. Rozier averaging 17-18 carries a game is about the same as Turner Gill averaging 11 or 12 passes. An I-back like Herschel Walker or Marcus Allen averaged close to 30 carries a game.

"And Fryar isn't going to get as many receptions. If you want to pick out a guy who statistically takes a beating, it's Schellen. Up until this game, he was averaging 11 or 12 yards a carry on four or five times a game. But you've only got one football. You can't cut it in five pieces. You've got to play with what you've got.

"So our objective is to play the best offensive football we can, give the defense multiple headaches if we can and get the ball in the end zone as much as we can. The Heisman Trophy

balloting and the statistical analyses are in some ways artificial because they rest so much on factors beyond our control...being on a good football team in a way penalizes you."

Back to Syracuse, Osborne said, "The thing that impressed me about Syracuse was that they played hard and they didn't stay blocked long. They had some kids with some quickness. There were times when we had people clear off their feet and they bounced up and still got involved in the play.

"But this week, we'll probably play a lot better team (Oklahoma State) than we've played, particularly on defense. They'll be in a way different league than anybody we've played. They're among the nation's leaders in rushing, total and scoring defense, so they'll give our offense a test.

"They've got an experienced quarterback now. They've not scored a lot, but they can move the ball. They scored quite a few points on Texas A&M, and A&M held Texas Tech to three points. They'll be one of the better teams in the conference.

"There are only two undefeated teams in the conference now — Nebraska and Oklahoma State, so you have to feel they're right up in there."

1983 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Score
Aug. 29	Penn State (at E. Rutherford)	44-6
Sept. 10	Wyoming at Lincoln	56-20
Sept. 17	at Minnesota	84-13
Sept. 24	UCLA at Lincoln	42-10
Oct. 1	Syracuse at Lincoln	63-7
Oct. 8	at Oklahoma State	
Oct. 15	at Missouri	
Oct. 22	Colorado at Lincoln	
Oct. 29	at Kansas State	
Nov. 5	Iowa State at Lincoln	
Nov. 12	Kansas at Lincoln	
Nov. 26	at Oklahoma	

Scoring Summary

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Syracuse.....	0	0	0	7	—	7
Nebraska	14	21	21	7	—	63

NU-SYR	How They Scored	Time Left
	First Quarter	
7- 0	Rozler, 37, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 43 yards in 3 plays	9:50
14- 0	QIII, 9, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 37 yards in 5 plays	6:04
	Second Quarter	
21- 0	Rozler, 1, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 45 yards in 6 plays	13:21
28- 0	QIII, 1, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 22 yards in 5 plays	11:18
35- 0	Mason, 14, run (Hagerman kick) Drive: 75 yards in 10 plays	3:29
	Third Quarter	
42- 0	Schellen, 5, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 66 yards in 12 plays	9:18
49- 0	QIII, 5, run (Schneider kick) Drive: 24 yards in 8 plays	6:26
56- 0	Hlemer, 20, pass from Sundberg (Hagerman kick) Drive: 45 yards in 9 plays	2:10
	Fourth Quarter	
63- 0	Miles, 6, run (Hagerman kick) Drive: 45 yards in 7 plays	10:58
63- 7	Morris, 69, pass from Christodulu (McAuley kick) Drive: 68 yards in 2 plays	10:00

Attendance: 76,382

Injury Report

"The situation looked better with day-after treatments.

Tackle John Sherlock and split end Scott Schoettger went out with knee injuries on the same play. Wingback Irving Fryar was hospitalized with a concussion from the first series, and defensive tackle Mike Keeler did not play because of sore neck and shoulder muscles.

"Sherlock has a good knee strain, but it doesn't look like surgical procedures will be necessary. He'll need rest and treatment, but he can hardly walk. It doesn't look like he'll be ready for this week. Same for Schoettger."

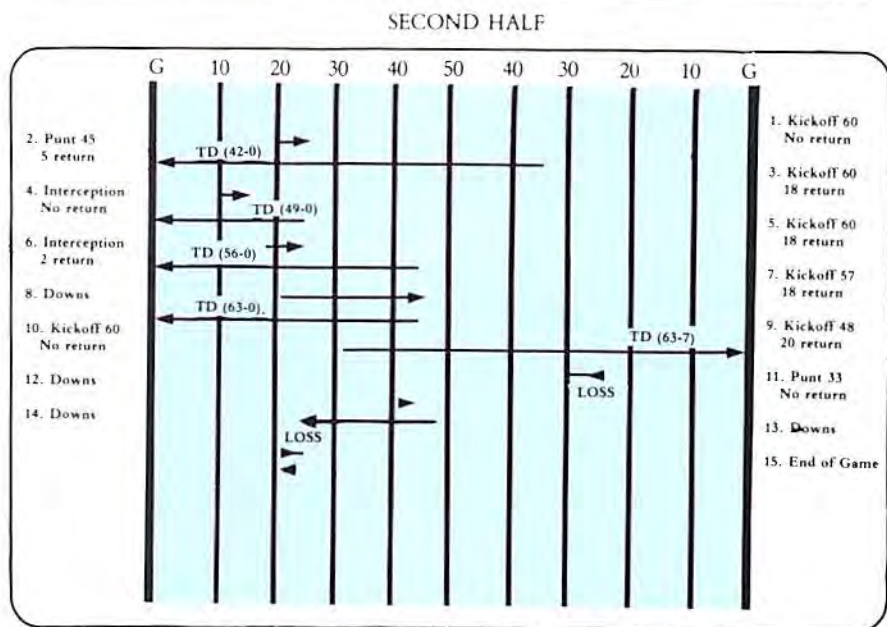
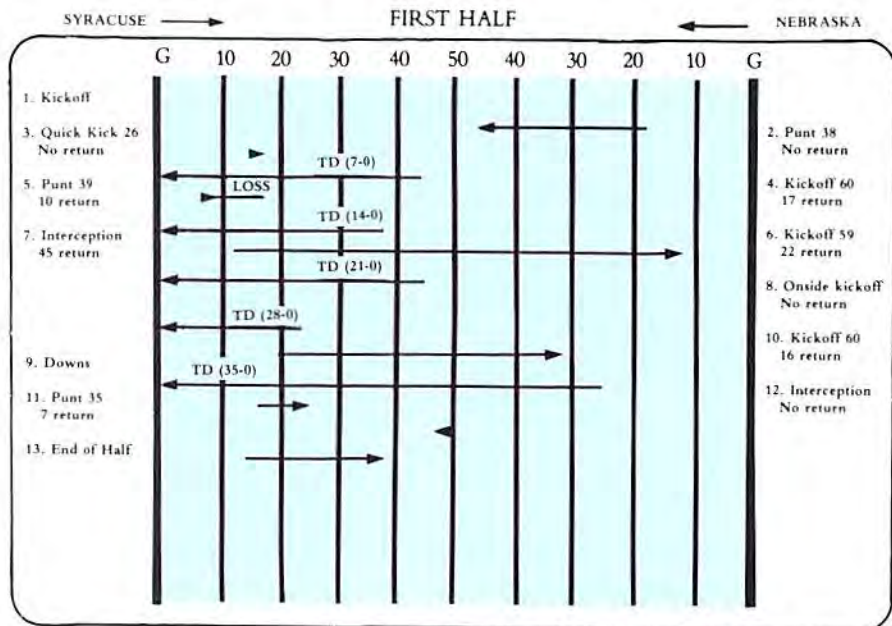
Trainer George Sullivan said.

"Fryar was dismissed from the hospital Sunday morning. He'll work out this week, but no contact. If everything works out fine, he'll play Saturday. Keeler will be back this week.

"Actually we came out of the Syracuse game in pretty good shape," Sullivan said.

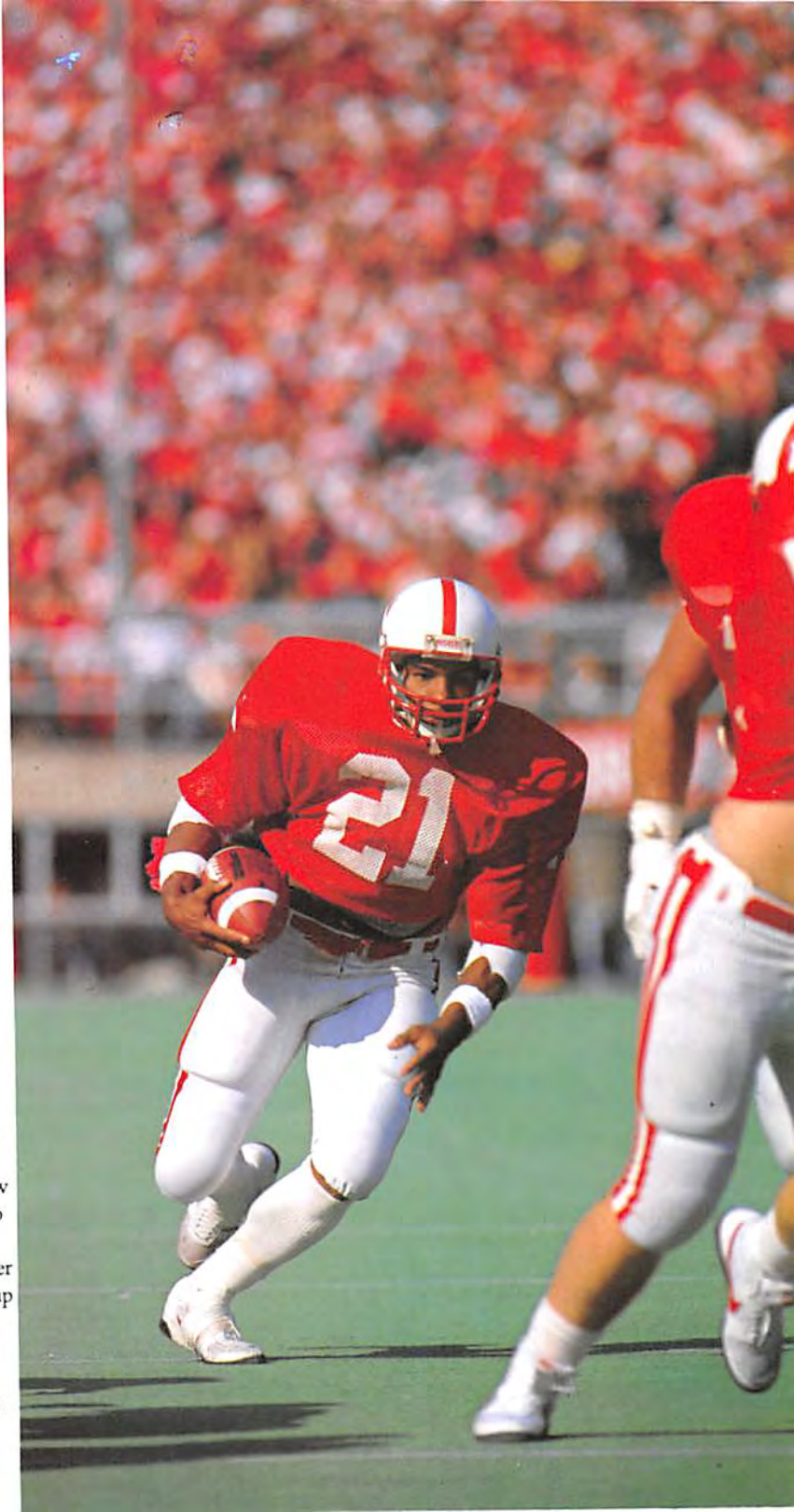
Lesser injuries included: middle guard John Reinhardt, knee strain; defensive tackle Doug Herrmann, aggravated knee bruise; defensive tackle Jim Skow, shoulder and thigh bruises; and, guard Harry Grimmering, thigh bruise.

Field Position Chart



This field position chart shows how each offense moved the ball on each possession. The numbers and information down the side columns indicate how each possession ended (punt, fumble, interception, kickoff, etc.). If a team loses the ball after a kick (a return for a touchdown or a fumble), no possession will be indicated for the other team.

Sophomore I-back Paul Miles is having plenty of chances to show what he can do this season, with the Husker offense piling up such big leads so early. Miles has a big hole here, and takes advantage.



Lockerroom Chatter

David Ridder, defensive end — His 15-yard sack on Syracuse's second possession forced a punt that led to the second short-range touchdown. "Against UCLA, we got blown off the ball a little bit. We wanted to set the tone early. We wanted a shutout. If they don't score and we score once, we win. I like getting sacks, but whatever it takes to hold the other team down. My biggest kick is to win."

Shane Swanson, wingback — Irving Fryar's backup played most of the way after Fryar suffered a concussion. "I didn't get a pass, but I made some pretty good blocks. I got to play almost the whole game, so this was my big day."

Dave Schneider, place kicker — He watched as the Huskers passed up field goal opportunities while scoring four touchdowns on fourth down. He is 1x1 for the season on field goals. "Whenever the time comes, I'll be ready. It looks like it's going to come down in a pressurized situation and when it comes, I'll be ready. I was ready this time."

Mark Traynowicz, center — He found himself with nobody to block and Turner Gill with an open field on a 9-yard bootleg to the second touchdown. Nate Mason later worked the same play for a 14-yard touchdown on fourth down. "I don't think Syracuse was ready for it. They should have been. They'd seen it enough. We did real well with it against Penn State."

"It's a pass-run option, and usually there are enough people out there that Turner's got to pass it. I didn't know what was going on. He didn't even have to yell 'block.' He just walked in. I like it. You don't get bruised up that way."

Gary Schneider, backup safety — Soph's first interception set up the eighth touchdown. "We thought we could pick off a lot of them, looking at the films. Their receivers weren't running their breaks real hard. They were roun-

ding them off. You could tell where the quarterback was going to throw. I had an interception in my first freshman game, but this was my first on the varsity. It really felt good. We should have had a lot more."

Dan Casterline, monster — Soph recovered an onside kick preceding the fourth touchdown but later joined cornerback Todd Fisher in missing tackles on receiver Larry Morris on the lone Syracuse touchdown, a 69-yard reception after the score had reached 63-0. "We practiced the onside kick a couple of times during the week, but we hadn't done it 'live.' So it was exciting. The inside guys are supposed to block for the outside guys, and that was just how it worked. It was a perfect kick by (Scott) Livingston."

Their touchdown was my fault. He wasn't my guy, but I missed the tackle. We'll hear about it. It was an inexcusable mistake. When our fans cheered for the Syracuse touchdown, it just shows what good fans we have. Somebody else's fans might have booed."

Mike Knox, linebacker — His third interception of the year was the most in a season for a Husker linebacker since Bob Terrio had five in 1971. He returned the ball 45 yards while trailing Mark Daum and was forced out of bounds by the quarterback. "I was surprised he threw it. It was just there. I was hoping Daum would knock him down. I didn't know who was inside, so I didn't cut back. I'm not Rozier; he has a little more speed. I was thinking too much. That was the problem. The sideline was closing in on me."

Kenny Shead, middle guard — He was involved in stopping a fourth-and-one sneak short on the Syracuse 45. "It can't get any better than that. It's like a touchdown to the offense. I was really happy. That wasn't the first defense. It was like a goal-line stand. We need that kind of thing for the second defense's confidence."

Season Stats

TEAM

	NU	OPP
First downs rushing	99	38
First down passing	32	47
First downs penalty	4	6
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	135	91
Attempts rushing	311	280
Yards gained rushing	2184	790
Yards lost rushing	82	192
NET YARDS RUSHING	2102	598
Passes attempted	75	146
Passes completed	44	69
Passes had intercepted	3	8
NET YARDS PASSING	827	966
Total plays	386	366
TOTAL YARDAGE	2929	1564
Interception return yds	181	0
Punts-Yards	14-619	35-1347
Punting average	44.2	38.5
Punts blocked	0	0
Punt returns-Yards	23-204	7-42
Kickoff returns-Yards	7-152	34-645
Penalties-Yards	26-242	30-245
Fumbles-Fumbles lost	22-8	13-7

Individual Rushing

	Att.	Yds.	Yds. Lost	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain
Rozler	95	763	4	759	8.0	71
Gill	47	331	28	303	6.4	47
Schellen	28	223	2	221	7.9	65
J. Smith	42	222	1	221	5.3	15
Miles	23	168	0	168	7.3	25
Mason	21	153	12	141	6.7	39
Fryar	11	132	0	132	12.0	41
Sundberg	12	75	22	53	4.4	44
Brungardt	7	27	0	27	3.9	7
Rathman	7	21	0	21	3.0	5

Passing

	Att.	Com.	Int.	Yds.	Pct.	TD
Gill	59	35	1	652	59.3	5
Sundberg	9	7	0	144	77.8	2
Mason	6	2	1	33	33.3	1
Rozler	1	0	1	0	0.0	0

Pass Receiving

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD
Fryar	16	415	25.9	70	3
Kimball	8	123	15.4	42	0
J. Smith	4	77	19.3	51	1
Simmons	4	40	10.0	13	0
Engbri'son	3	28	9.3	19	1
Rozler	3	23	7.7	14	0
Rathman	2	26	13.0	17	1
Swanson	1	31	31.0	31	0
Miles	1	24	24.0	24	0
Prain	1	20	20.0	20	1
Hlemer	1	20	20.0	20	1

Scoring

	TD	PAT	3-PAT	FG	TP
Rozler	11				66
Gill	5				30
Schellen	5				30
Schneider		26-28		1-1	29
Fryar	4		1-1		26
J. Smith	4				24
Mason	2				12
Miles	2				12
Sundberg	2				12
Burke	1				6
Engbri'son	1				6
Prain	1				6
Hlemer	1				6
Knox	1				6

Defensive Statistics

	Unast. Tackles	Asst. Tackles	Total Tackles	For Loss
Linemen				
Bunger	1	1	1	-
Graeber	4	2	6	1-8
Herrmann	7	0	7	1-5
Keeler	10	11	21	-
Præuner	8	0	8	2-4
Reeves	0	2	2	-
Reinhardt	2	0	2	1-2
Reynolds	4	0	4	-
Ridder	9	6	15	1-1
Shed	7	3	19	-
Skow	15	1	16	2-8
B. Smith	2	0	2	-
Strasburger	7	2	9	-
Stuckey	12	4	16	-
Tranmer	9	6	15	1-1
Tucker	4	1	5	-
Tyrer	1	1	2	1-4
Weber	10	2	12	1-6
Zierke	2	0	2	2-17
Linebackers				
Annstrong	2	2	2	-
Dalfer	9	5	14	1-1
Daum	22	17	39	4-4
Forch	1	0	1	-
Gangwish	1	1	2	-
Holloway	6	2	8	-
Knox	26	13	39	3-4
McCoy	4	2	6	-
Proffitt	10	3	13	-
Wade	0	1	1	-
White	1	0	1	-
Backs				
Biggers	1	0	1	-
Burke	12	6	18	-
Casterline	3	1	4	1-7
Clark	16	1	17	-
Fisher	5	3	8	-
Greene	5	0	5	-
Harris	12	4	16	-
McCashland	10	10	20	-
Palge	2	1	3	-
Pokorny	1	0	1	-
G. Rozler	2	0	2	-



Nose guard Ken Graeber (52) chases Syracuse quarterback Todd Norley (12) as the Orangeman tries to find a receiver. The Nebraska defense did a job on the visitors from New York.

The Lineups

TWO DEEP

NEBRASKA DEFENSE

- LE**
87 Bill Weber, 6-2, 210, So.
86 Dave Ridder, 6-1, 205, Sr.
- LT**
61 Mike Keeler, 6-4, 245, Sr.
63 Doug Hermann, 6-4, 275, Sr.
- MG**
64 Mike Tranmer, 5-11, 230, Sr.
52 Ken Graeber, 6-2, 250, Jr.
- RT**
75 Rob Stuckey, 6-3, 250, Jr.
95 Jim Skow, 6-3, 225, So.
- RE**
90 Scott Strasburger, 6-1, 205, Jr.
85 Wade Praeuner, 5-11, 200, Sr.
- SLB**
51 Mark Daum, 6-3, 235, Jr.
45 Chad Daffer, 6-0, 215, So.
- MLB**
44 Mike Knox, 6-3, 235, Jr.
43 Tony Holloway, 6-2, 200, So.
- LC**
11 Neil Harris, 6-1, 195, Jr.
5 Rickey Greene, 5-9, 175, Jr.
- MON**
2 Mike McCashland, 6-1, 195, Jr.
24 Dan Casterline, 5-10, 205, So.
- S**
10 Bret Clark, 6-2, 200, Jr.
29 Gary Schneider, 5-11, 185, So.
- RC**
33 Dave Burke, 5-10, 195, Jr.
6 Todd Fisher, 6-0, 190, So.

OKLA. STATE OFFENSE

- SE**
11 Bobby Riley, 5-10, 165, Fr.
89 Mike Kilmer, 6-1, 178, Sr.
- LT**
71 John Cegielski, 6-2, 268, Sr.
65 Alfred Kirkpatrick, 6-4, 262, So.
- LG**
61 Kevin Igo, 6-0, 258, Sr.
76 Chuck Shanklin, 6-5, 257, So.
- C**
67 David Tucker, 6-2, 265, So.
51 Tony Wilkins, 6-2, 244, Fr.
- RG**
50 Ralph Partida, 6-3, 246, Jr.
75 Shaun Gallagher, 6-4, 240, Fr.
- RT**
72 Paul Blair, 6-4, 252, So.
66 Derek Burton, 6-2, 268, So.
- TE**
88 John Chesley, 6-5, 225, Sr.
82 Barry Hanna, 6-4, 235, Jr.
- QB**
12 Rusty Hilger, 6-4, 205, Jr.
7 Ike Jackson, 6-4, 208, Jr.
- TB**
34 Ernest Anderson, 5-11, 190, Sr.
3 Shawn Jones, 6-1, 220, Jr.
- FB**
26 Kelly Cook, 5-11, 210, Jr.
30 Rodney Hayes, 6-0, 205, Jr.
- FL**
83 Jamie Harris, 5-10, 165, Jr.
8 Malcolm Lewis, 6-3, 215, Fr.

NEBRASKA OFFENSE

- SE**
17 Ricky Simmons, 5-10, 175, Sr.
88 Scott Kimball, 6-0, 185, Jr.
- LT**
66 John Sherlock, 6-1, 260, Sr.
73 Mark Behning, 6-8, 290, Jr.
- LG**
58 Harry Grimmerling, 6-3, 260, Jr.
67 Greg Orton, 6-1, 250, Jr.
- C**
57 Mark Traynowicz, 6-6, 260, Jr.
54 Brad Muchling, 6-0, 220, Sr.
- RG**
71 Dean Steinhilber, 6-3, 270, Sr.
70 Brian Blankenship, 6-0, 260, So.
- RT**
72 Scott Raridon, 6-3, 280, Sr.
65 Tim Roth, 5-11, 260, So.
- TE**
83 Monte Engebretson, 6-1, 220, Sr.
80 Todd Frain, 6-2, 215, So.
- QB**
12 Turner Gill, 6-0, 190, Sr.
8 Nate Mason, 6-0, 205, Sr.
- IB**
30 Mike Rozier, 5-11, 210, Sr.
28 Jeff Smith, 5-9, 190, Jr.
- FB**
25 Mark Schellen, 5-10, 225, Sr.
26 Tom Rathman, 6-0, 220, So.
- WB**
27 Irving Fryar, 6-0, 200, Sr.
17 Shane Swanson, 5-9, 195, Jr.
- PAT & FG**
1 Dave Schneider, 5-7, 175, So.
48 Scott Livingston, 6-2, 200, Jr.
- P**
48 Scott Livingston, 6-2, 200, Jr.
47 Dan Wingard, 6-1, 200, So.

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- LE**
91 Warren Thompson, 6-4, 220, So.
35 Jeff Lee, 6-1, 228, So.
- LT**
42 Rodney Harding, 6-2, 230, Jr.
54 Greg Ratliff, 6-0, 263, Sr.
- MG**
80 John Washington, 6-5, 265, So.
74 Keith Brown, 6-2, 260, Jr.
- RT**
99 Leslie O'Neal, 6-4, 228, So.
96 Tavie Hampton, 6-2, 228, Jr.
- RE**
40 James Ham, 6-2, 224, So.
23 Tony Presley, 6-0, 195, Jr.
- LB**
90 Matt Monger, 6-2, 215, Jr.
33 David Webb, 5-11, 202, So.
- LB**
85 James Spencer, 6-3, 242, Sr.
46 Doug Maritan, 6-3, 218, Jr.
- LC**
37 Chris Rockins, 6-0, 195, Sr.
27 Rod Brown, 6-3, 185, Jr.
- FS**
14 Adam Hinds, 6-3, 205, Jr.
39 Ken Montgomery, 6-0, 190, So.
- SS**
6 Harry Roberts, 6-2, 206, So.
10 Mike Hudson, 6-2, 195, Fr.
- RC**
1 Roderick Fisher, 5-10, 190, Sr.
44 Mark Moore, 6-0, 185, Fr.
- P**
19 John Conway, 6-2, 185, Sr.
12 Rusty Hilger, 6-4, 205, Jr.
- PAT & FG**
9 Larry Roach, 6-1, 175, Jr.
4 Kevin Godfrey, 6-2, 170, Jr.

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Nebraska 35, Okla State 17 *Huskers Illustrated*

The Huskers Say...

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"The feeling persists that one of these days the Cornhuskers are going to have to work up a sweat. When the show goes on the road to Stillwater Saturday, the exhibition season is over and Big Eight warfare begins. The conference has a slam-bang reputation, and this one should fit in nicely.

"For the first time since 1975, when Oklahoma and Colorado were 3-0 and the Sooners won in Norman, 21-10, two unbeaten will meet on a Big Eight field. The Huskers are 5-0 and Cowboys 4-0. This one shouldn't be as close as the 1975 showdown, but it won't be as one-sided as the Huskers are accustomed to.

"Jimmy Johnson has been carefully building a team in the Nebraska image. He is an open admirer of the Osborne system. His stockpiling of redshirts is beginning to pay off.

"But Nebraska has been playing the game longer and is better equipped. Oklahoma State's chances will be greatly enhanced if Ernest Anderson, the nation's leading rusher last season, can come back from a month off with a groin injury. His replacement, Shawn Jones, however, has filled in admirably.

"If it's close, the Cowboys will get an edge on the strength of splendid kicker Larry Roach's placements. He's the Big Eight's best. The Pokes have a couple of lanky seasoned quarterbacks but a retooled offensive line. The pass defense was the poorest in the league last year and might still be shaky. Look for the Huskers to air it out.

"Nebraska's offense still has not met a test. Only turnovers appear capable of slowing the nation's hottest offense. You can't predict fumbles...so going on the assumption that Ernest Anderson will line up at tailback for the Pokes and the Huskers will hang onto the ball, Nebraska pulls away from an early head-knocker. **Nebraska 35, Oklahoma State 17.**"

Russ Batenhorst
KHAS-TV

"The thing that makes this one interesting is that it will be the first real road test for the Huskers this season. At least that's what hindsight tells us, since they have easily traveled so far.

"It's a weekly Osbornian warning to say this is a team that could knock off the Big Red, but this week it's a little more true as the Cowboys and Jimmy Johnson are one of the class acts in the Big Eight.

"One of the top rushing defenses awaits the Huskers top offense. It all sounds like something to worry about. But Nebraska should handle all of it for conference win number one. Let's say Nebraska 42-13."

John Martinez
North Platte Telegraph

"The season gets longer and the games get tougher. Nebraska's "Scoring Explosion" won't be as loud as it has been, but the Huskers will put enough points on the board to protect their number one ranking. Nebraska 37-Oklahoma State 13."

Rex Holt
Stillwater News-Press

"From all indications, the 1983 Nebraska Cornhuskers are the best major college football team in the country. They just might be one of the best units in collegiate football history.

"Oklahoma State is off to its best start in recent years, and may have its best overall squad since the 9-3 Tangerine Bowl champions of 1976. But will that be enough to keep the cowboys on the field with the powerful Cornhuskers? I think not...Nebraska 41, Oklahoma State 14."

Brent Robinson
Scottsbluff Star-Herald

"Coach Tom Osborne shouldn't have any problem this week in convincing people that Oklahoma State will have the best team his Husker squad has faced so far this season.

"The Cowboys have a strong running attack with Ernest Anderson (if he's healthy) and Shawn Jones, and Rusty Hilger can throw the football. Defense may be the question mark and that should leave Turner Gill, Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar licking their chops. Nobody has been able to stop the potent NU offense yet and it definitely won't happen in Stillwater. Nebraska 49-17."

Bill Platt
KSPI, Stillwater. OK.

"I think that Nebraska can win by whatever score it chooses. I think the Huskers will be able to score at least five times. Nebraska is an outstanding team and is in a class by itself this year. As far as predicting a score, I think that Nebraska can pretty much name it."

Bob Barry
KTVY, OKC

"Oklahoma State is a vastly improved ball club, particularly on offense. Nebraska, with its offense, will be difficult to stop, but Oklahoma State has shown a solid defense this year. The Cowboy kicking game is also sound. OSU has so many weapons to defense against. They have a game breaker at wide receiver (Bobby Riley). Rusty Hilger is a heady quarterback and, with both Shawn Jones and Ernest Anderson at tailback, the Cowboys have two backs who can alternate and both be effective.

If OSU expects to win, it must hold Nebraska under three touchdowns. If the Huskers score more, I don't think OSU can keep pace with them."

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